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Recovery Act Funds At Work
\$6.3 Million for Job Creation and Preservation
Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network to Put People to Work

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, administered by the City of Long Beach, has received \$6,373,593 in federal Workforce Investment Act funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Recovery Act funds will be used, by 2010, for dislocated workers, unemployed and under-employed adults, youth and business downsizing assistance. Most immediately, the funds will create more than 1,200 jobs for youth this summer and provide training for dislocated workers including customized training for businesses, development of on-the-job training opportunities, and temporary financial assistance to trainees.

The Workforce Investment Network will receive \$6,373,593 as follows:

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| ▪ Dislocated Workers | \$1,861,230 |
| ▪ Unemployed/Under-Employed Adults | \$1,158,051 |
| ▪ Youth | \$2,726,003 |
| ▪ Rapid Response/Business Downsizing | \$628,309 |

"In anticipation of the Recovery Act funds, last February the Workforce Investment Board adopted a framework for priority of investment of resources around the residents and businesses most in need of assistance," said Sandy King, Board Chair. "As is intended by the Recovery Act legislation, the Network is working with community partners to expend this temporary funding as quickly and effectively as possible to help put people to work."





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"Because the Workforce Investment Network, in the full spirit of the Act, will spend funds by June 2010, the Network is creating much of its temporary, additional capacity through One-Stop Partners, and through new and existing community-based organizations under contract to the Network," said Dennis Thys, Board Member and Director of the City's Community Development Department.

For the Dislocated Worker, Adult and Rapid Response grants, eligible uses of funds for worker retraining, skills development, and support services continue as key strategies. The Network will place additional emphasis on customized training for businesses, development of on-the-job training opportunities, temporary financial assistance to trainees, and leverage of complementary training investments by One-Stop Partners.

For the Youth grant, use of funds will be prioritized toward a Summer Youth Employment Training Program for 2009, whereby an estimated 1,200 youth will be trained and then placed into employment with local public, nonprofit and business organizations.

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network operates five One Stop Career Centers in Long Beach, San Pedro, and Torrance, and serves surrounding areas including Lomita and Signal Hill.

For more information on the Network's Recovery Fund actions, please visit www.pacificgatewayworkforce.com, scroll down on left, and click on Recovery Act At Work.

For information on Employment Services, visit www.pacificgatewayworkforce.com, or call 562.570.WORK.

For information on Hire-A-Youth, visit www.hireayouth.com or call 562.570.4700
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www.pacificgatewayworkforce.com or call toll free, 866.848.3321.

For One Stop Centers outside the Network's service area, please visit
www.servicelocator.org.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides the U.S. Department of Labor and state governments with additional Workforce Investment Act funds to support local communities.

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